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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: Brake Shoe With Spring Brake Member

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) Examiner: Gregory J. Strimbu
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on November 25, 2004. This Reply is being timely submitted within the shortened statutory period, and thus no additional fee is required. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the below.